## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

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- (Original) A baby holding device, comprising: 1. a support structure comprising a base that is adapted to be placed onto a support 2 surface and a frame angularly positioned relative to the base; and 3 a seat coupled to the frame that is adapted to hold a baby; 4 wherein the seat includes a generally curved outer padded section having a medial 5 region that is adapted to receive the baby's head and a pair of arms extending from the medial 6 region, and wherein the padded section defines an inner well section that is adapted to receive the baby's torso. 8 (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the arms each include a 2. rounded end, and wherein the ends generally face each other and are adapted to assist in 2 cushioning the weight of the baby. 3 (Original) A device as in claim 1, further comprising a securing system 3. 1 that is configured to hold the baby within the seat. 2 (Original) A device as in claim 3, wherein the securing system comprises 4. 1 a center holding strap that is coupled to the seat and is configured to be placed between the 2 baby's legs and at least one securing strap extending from the holding strap that is configured to 3 wrap about the baby's torso and be connected to a seat strap that is coupled to the seat. 4 (Original) A device as in claim 4, wherein the center holding strap is 5.
- 6. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the frame comprises a pair of inclined sections and at least one curved section.

coupled to the seat at a location to permit the baby's feet to hang from seat.

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7. (Original) A device as in claim 6, wherein the curved section generally follows an outer periphery of the padded section to define a generally open interior of the frame. 2 8. (Original) A device as in claim 6, wherein the inclined sections each 2 include a curved portion that connects to the base. 9. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the medial region has a height in the range from about 1 inch to about 6 inches and a width in the range from about 8 inches to 2 about 16 inches. 3 (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the arms have a height in the 10. range from about 1 inch to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 6 inches to about 12 2 inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches. 3 (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the inner well section has a 11. width in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 6 2 inches to about 14 inches. 3 (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the seat comprises a fabric. 12. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the padded section comprises a 13. 2 fill material. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the frame is positioned at an 14. 2 angle in the range from about 20° to about 40° relative to the base. 15. (Original) A method for holding a bay, the method comprising: 2 providing a baby seat comprising a support structure comprising a base that rests

upon a support surface and a frame angularly positioned relative to the base, and a seat coupled

too the frame, wherein the seat has a generally curved outer padded section that includes a

medial region and two arms that define a sell section; and

- placing a baby onto the seat, with the baby's torso resting in the well section and being cushioned by ends of the arms, and with the baby's head resting on the medial region.
- 1 16. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising applying a downward force on the frame to cause the seat to move in an up and down motion.
- 1 17. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising strapping the baby 2 to the seat.
- 1 18. (Original) A method as in claim 15, wherein the baby is positioned in the seat such that the baby's legs hang down past the seat.
- 1 19. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising generally preventing the baby from rolling side to side using the arms.
- 1 20. (Original) A baby holding device comprising:
- a pillow having a medial region and two opposing arms extending from the medial region that define an inner well region;
- a securing system operably coupled to the pillow, wherein the securing system
  comprises a center holding strap that is configured to be placed between the baby's legs so as to
  extend over at least a portion of the baby's torso and be operably coupled to the opposing arms to
  hold the baby within the well region.
- 1 21. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the securing system further 2 comprises a side strap extending from each arm, wherein the side straps include connectors that 3 are connectable to mating connectors on the center holding strap.
- 1 22. (Original) A device as in claim 21, wherein the connectors comprise 2 buckle connectors.
  - 1 23. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the securing system further comprises a seat that is disposed across the well region.

- 1 24. (Original) A device as in claim 23, wherein the seat comprises a fabric coupled to the arms and the medial region.
- 1 25. (Original) A device as in claim 23, wherein the center strap is coupled to 2 the seat at a location to permit the baby's feet to hang from the seat.
- 1 26. (Original) A device as in claim 20, further comprising a hood operably coupled to the pillow.
- 1 27. (Original) A device as in claim 26, wherein the hood is foldable.
- 1 28. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the medial region has a height 2 in the range from about 1 inches to about 10 inches and a width in the range from about 4 inches 3 to about 10 inches.
- 1 29. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the arms have a height in the 2 range from about 1 inches to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10 3 inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches.
- 1 30. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the well region has a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches.
- 1 31. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the pillow further comprises a fabric shell encasing a fill material.
- 1 32. (Original) A method for holding a bay, the method comprising:
  2 providing a baby holding device comprising a pillow having a medial region and
  3 two opposing arms extending from the medial region that define an inner well region, and a
  4 securing system operably coupled to the pillow, wherein the securing system comprises a center
  5 holding strap that is operably coupled to the pillow;

| 6  | placing a baby's torso into the well region, with the baby's torso being cushioned                |
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| 7  | by ends of the arms, and with the baby's head resting on the medial region;                       |
| 8  | placing the center holding strap between the baby's legs so as to extend over at                  |
| 9  | least a portion of the baby's torso; and  |
| 10 | securing the center holding strap to the arms.  |
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| 1  | 33. (Original) A method as in claim 32, further comprising placing a hood                         |
| 2  | over the baby.  |
| 1  | 34. (Original) A method as in claim 32, wherein the center holding strap is                       |
| 2  | secured to the arms by coupling the center holding strap to side straps extending from the arms.  |
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| 1  | 35. (Original) A method as in claim 32, wherein the securing system further                       |
| 2  | comprises a seat that is disposed across the well region, and wherein the baby is placed onto the |
| 3  | seat.   |
|    | Please add new claims 36-41 as follows:   |
| 1  | 36. (New) A baby holding device comprising:   |
| 2  | a pillow having a medial region and two opposing arms extending from the                          |
| 3  | medial region that define an inner well region;   |
| 4  | a securing system operably coupled to the medial region of the pillow, wherein                    |
| 5  | the securing system comprises a center holding strap that is configured to be placed around at    |
| 6  | least a portion of the baby's torso and wherein the center holding strap has a free end that is   |
| 7  | configured to be operably secured back to the pillow.   |
| 1  | 37. (New) A device as in claim 36, wherein the medial region has a height in                      |
| 2  | the range from about 1 inches to about 10 inches and a width in the range from about 4 inches to  |
| 3  | about 10 inches.  |
| 1  | 38. (New) A device as in claim 36, wherein the arms have a height in the                          |
| 2  | range from about 1 inches to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10 |
| 3  | inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches.                        |

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| 1 | 39. (New) A device as in claim 36, wherein the well region has a width in the                  |
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| 2 | range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 4 inches to  |
| 3 | about 12 inches.   |
| 1 | 40. (New) A device as in claim 36, wherein the pillow further comprises a                      |
| 2 | fabric shell encasing a fill material.   |
| 1 | 41. (New) A method for holding a bay, the method comprising:                                   |
| 2 | providing a baby holding device comprising a pillow having a medial region and                 |
| 3 | two opposing arms extending from the medial region that define an inner well region, and a     |
| 4 | securing system operably coupled to the pillow, wherein the securing system comprises a center |
| 5 | holding strap that is operably coupled to the medial region of the pillow;                     |
| 6 | placing a baby onto the pillow so that at least a portion of the baby rests on the             |
| 7 | medial region;   |
| 8 | placing the center holding strap around at least a portion of the baby's torso; and            |
| 9 | securing the center holding strap to the pillow.   |